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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 17601.41a.1.1.1.3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)	
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	Randolf Von Oepen, et al.)	
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Serial No.:	10/743,857)	Art Unit
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Confirmation No.:	9100)	
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For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A STENT)	
	HAVING AN EXPANDABLE WEB STRUCTURE)	
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Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui)	
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Customer No.:	57360)	

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

VIA eFILE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the in-person interview between Applicant's representative and the Examiner on April 14, 2009.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

An interview was conducted on April 14, 2009 with the Examiner. During that interview, Applicant's representative discussed the arguments and amendments filed in the Office Action response filed on March 13, 2009, the previously cited U.S. Patent No. 5,861,027 (Trapp), U.S. Patent No. 6,117,165 to Becker, which was listed in previously filed information disclosure statement, and U.S. Patent Nos. 7,329,277 to Addonizio et al. and 6,821,292 to Pazienza et al., both of which were included in a recently filed Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant's representatives also discussed the relationship of the Application with related earlier filed applications and the relationship of Addonizio et al. and Pazienza et al. with Becker.

In the event that the Examiner finds the remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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